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TO AMEMBASSY RANGOON IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: BANGLADESH FOOD AIRLIFT

REF: A. STATE 262131; B. STATE 263420; C. RANGOON DAO
270815Z; D. DACCA 5503 (NOTAL); E. O21310Z DEC
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1. ON THE BASIS OF INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REF C, DEPART-
MENT UNDERSTOOD THAT THE GUB INTENDED TO CHARGE FOR OVER-
FLIGHTS OF USG-OWNED AIRCRAFT AND THEREFORE, USING THE
ARGUMENTS PROVIDED IN REF A, REQUESTED THE EMBASSY TO
ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN AN EXEMPTION FROM THE BURMESE FOR THESE
OVERFLIGHT CHARGES. IN THE ABSENCE OF A REPLY AND THE
EMERGENCY NATURE OF THE MISSION INVOLVED, THE DEPARTMENT
AUTHORIZED THE OVERFLIGHTS INCLUDING PAYMENT FOR THEM, BUT
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WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS DECISION WOULD NOT

ESTABLISH A PRECEDENT FOR FUTURE OVERFLIGHTS BY USG-OWNED
AIRCRAFT. -

2. ONE OVERFLIGHT OCCURRED ON DECEMBER 1 (REF D) AND
SEVERAL MORE ARE ANTICIPATED THIS WEEK (REF E). DOD HAS
EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT IT MAY BE CHARGED FOR SUBSEQUENT
FLIGHTS AND THEREFORE HAS CONSIDERED MEANS OF AVOIDING
OVERFLYING BURMA DESPITE ADDITIONAL SUBSTANTIAL COSTS,
WHICH WOULD BE SUBTRACTED FROM FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR
BANGLADESH RELIEF PURPOSES.

3. IN THE INTEREST OF MINIMIZING THE COSTS, MAXIMIZING
THE AMOUNT OF RELIEF SUPPLIES AVAILABLE, ADHERING TO
AN IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL PRINCIPLE AND ASSURING THE
GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED OF OUR INTENT, WE WOULD APPRECIATE
THE EMBASSY'S LATEST READING AND GUIDANCE ASAP AND
PREFERABLY BEFORE COB DECEMBER 3 LOCAL TIME. KISSINGER

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